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## PATENT APPLICATION

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For: ELECTRODE FOR ELECTRIC DISCHARGE SURFACE TREATMENT AND

MANUFACTURING METHOD THEREOF

## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

## **IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Page 7-8, please delete the BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS and replace it with the following new one:

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

Figs. 1(a) and 1(b) are illustrations showing an electrode for electric discharge surface treatment and a manufacturing method thereof according to this invention.

Fig. 2 is an illustration showing a configuration example of an electric discharge surface treatment apparatus using the electrode for electric discharge surface treatment according to the invention.

Fig. 3 is an illustration showing a configuration example of an electric discharge surface treatment apparatus using a conventional electrode for electric discharge surface treatment.